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SUBJ: VISIT OF COLOMBO PLAN DRUG ABUSE ADVISER

REF COLOMBO 2135, STATE 171966

1. IN CALL ON CHARGE 30 AUG, ABARRO DISCUSSED HIS TRAVEL PLANS OVER NEXT FEW MONTHS AND HIS PROGRAM FOR PREPARING REPORTS FOR FORTHCOMING COLOMBO PLAN MEETING IN COLOMBO AND WELLINGTON. THROUGH QUESTIONS IN CONVERSATION WE MADE POINTS SET FORTH STATE 171966 AND OBTAINED EXPOSITION OF ABARRO'S GENERAL REACTION AND RATIONALE.

2. ABARRO'S STATED PURPOSE OF TRIP TO EUROPE AND UNITED STATES IS TO SECURE CURRENT INFORMATION ON PROGRAMS OF UNITED STATES AND OF INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES TO ASSIST MEMBER COUNTRIES IN DEVELOPING NARCOTICS CONTROL ACTIVITIES. FOLLOWING RETURN TO SRI LANKA

AND CP BUREAU MEETING OCT 3, ABARRO WILL TRAVEL TO APPROXIMATELY 10 MEMBER COUNTRIES TO ESTABLISH CONTACTS WITH HOST GOVERNMENTS, DISCUSS PLANS FOR ASSISTANCE, SOUND OUT

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REACTION TO TWO SEMINARS

WHICH ABARRO PROPOSES CPB SPONSOR NEXT YEAR, AND REPORT TO
PLENARY CP MEETING IN WELLINGTON IN NOVEMBER.

2. ABARRO ENTIRELY AGREES CONCERNING APPOINTMENTS SUGGESTED
STATE 171966, INCLUDING FOCUS ON SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS
OF DRUG ABUSE. PLEASE TRANSMIT WASHINGTON SCHEDULE TO US
MISSION TO UNITED NATIONS, WITH WHICH ABARRO WILL CHECK UPON
ARRIVAL NEW YORK MID-SEPT. ABARRO INFORMS US PURPOSE OF
ALBANY TRIP IS TO VISIT INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS ENFORCEMENT
ASSOCIATION. HE HOPES ALSO TO GO TO NARCOTICS EDUCATIONAL
FOUNDATION OF UNITED STATES WHILE IN LOS ANGELES. FLIGHT
SCHEDULE CONTAINED COLOMBO 2135 STILL STANDS.

3. COMMENT: WHILE MISSIONS INITIAL REACTION TO ABARRO'S
SCHEDULE WAS PARALLEL TO DEPTS, FURTHER DISCUSSIONS HAVE
GIVEN US IMPRESSION ABARRO HAS CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF NEED
TO VISIT MEMBER COUNTRIES AND GATHER MATERIAL FOR PROGRAM HE
HAS OUTLINED AND THAT HIS TRAVEL PLANS HAVE BEEN THOUGHT OUT
AND CLEARED WITH HIS DIRECTOR. MISSION IS INTERESTED IN
ESTABLISHING WITH ABARRO THAT HIS GUIDANCE COMES PRIMARILY
FROM COLOMBO PLAN BUREAU DIRECTOR, THOUGH WE ARE OF COURSE
READY TO ASSIST IN ANY WAY WE CAN. ACCORDINGLY, MISSION WILL
KEEP DIRECTOR INFORMED OF DEPTS VIEWS.
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